

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3b. GSA

Committee

No.

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

248

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

01/04/1990

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

## 13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 1 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

### Purpose

NIH Peer Review of Intramural Laboratories/Program

### Start

05/22/2018

### End

- 05/23/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

## Current FY Next FY

## 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$2,800.00 \$2,800.00

## 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

## 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$119,375.00 \$121,643.00

## 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$5,600.00 \$5,600.00

## 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$6,523.00 \$6,592.00

## 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

## 18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$11,752.00	\$11,886.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$4,662.00	\$4,755.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$150,712.00	\$153,276.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.60	0.60

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the fields of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Board consists of 10 members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of basic and clinical medical sciences related to the fields of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the Laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Board met once during this reporting period. The committee reviewed two laboratories, one research group, one branch, one clinical research program, and one training program.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meeting of the Board was closed with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

## 21. Remarks

Committee Function - Other, Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Committee URL - This committee does not have a public website. Reports - The committee did not produce any public reports. DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on the assignment of responsibilities within this Institute. Member Aimee Payne became a member of the Board late in FY-17 (9/17/2017) and was inadvertently left off of the 2017 ACR.

### Designated Federal Officer

John O'Shea Scientific Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
CRISWELL, LINDSEY	11/13/2017	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE IN RESIDENCE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DAVIDSON, ANNE	09/17/2017	06/30/2020	INVESTIGATOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ESSER, KARYN	03/21/2016	06/30/2019	DIRECTOR AND PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HIRSCH, RAPHAEL	03/21/2016	06/30/2019	JOEL AND JAY STEAD PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PAYNE, AIMEE	09/17/2017	06/30/2020	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ROSEN, ANTONY	12/14/2014	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WEAVER, CASEY	03/21/2016	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 7**

### Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

NA

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

70

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The recommendations pertained to levels of financial support, numbers of research trainees, and expansion or closure of research programs.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Additional information is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases provides formal, written responses to the BSC regarding actions taken to implement the recommendations at subsequent meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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**Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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**Access Comments**

N/A